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SUBJECT: GOG KEEPS REYNOLDS BAUXITE POT SIMMERING WITH CONTINUED
ANTI-U.S. PRESS AND P.R. CAMPAIGN

REF: GEORGETOWN 1925

1. SINCE PM BURNHAM'S OCTOBER 27 (REFTTEL) SPEECH, GOG PROPAGANDA
CAMPAIGN AGAINST REYNOLDS AND U.S. HAS CONTINUED BUT HAS NOT ESCALA-
TED OVER LEVEL OF PAST FEW WEEKS. GOG SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED IN PAR-
LIAMANE NOV 1 THAT P.R.CONTRACT WITH EDWARD GOTTLIEB ASSOCIATES TO
PRESENT GUYANA'S SIDE OF REYNOLDS DISPUTE (PRIMARILY IN U.S.)
WAS BUDGETED AT GUYANESE DOLS 100,000 (US DOLS 46,000). THE
RASH OF ORCHESTRATED STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL ORGANI-
ZATIONS CONTINUED, THOUGH INEVITABLY FALLING OFF SLIGHTLY, PRESUM-
ABLY BECAUSE MOST LOCAL CHAPTERS OF PNC, RURAL CHURCHES, RETIRED
POLICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS ETC. ARE ALREADY ON THE RECORD BEHIND GOG.
TWO ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR PUBLIC RALLIES WERE HELD AT BERBICE, ONE
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UNDER SAME "YOUTHS UNITED AGAINST YANKEE IMPERIALISM" BANNER

CARRIED AT OCT 27 GEORGETOWN RALLY.

2. MOST HEAVILY PLAYED THEME OF WEEK SEEMED TO BE CONTINUED ATTACKS ON REYNOLDS DECISION TO TERMINATE 356 EMPLOYEES, WITH GOG PROMISING THAT THEIR FIRING WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED LEGALLY EFFECTIVE WHEN COMPANY NATIONALIZED THE END OF DECEMBER. WHILE BLASTING REYNOLDS FOR PHASING TERMINATION PAY (GEORGETOWN 1972).

3. SUPPORT FOR GUYANA BAUXITE LEVY AND NATIONALIZATION BY PRC IN CHINA'S PEOPLES DAILY OCTOBER 18 WAS GIVEN PROMINENT NEWSPAPER PLAY AS WERE STATEMENTS BY JAMAICA PM MANLEY AND BY VISITING OFFICIAL FROM GUINEA. ALSO HEADLINED ON NOVEMBER 5 WAS UNDATED WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT THAT "AUSTRALIA BLOCKS REYNOLDS INVESTMENT" IN ALWEST PROJECT. ONE LOCALLY PRODUCED ARTICLE IN NOV 3 CHRONICLE GAVE SLANTED THOUGH ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE ANALYSIS OF U.S. LENDING POLICY TOWARD COUNTRIES EXPROPRIATING U.S. ASSETS WITHOUT ADEQUATE COMPENSATION, THE FIRST TIME THAT THIS POLICY HAS BEEN FACTUALLY SPELLED OUT IN LOCAL PRESS. ARTICLE CONTAINED ERRONEOUSLY INCOMPLETE STATEMENT, HOWEVER, THAT REYNOLDS HAS "BLUNTLY REFUSED THE GOG INVITATION TO HOLD TALKS ON COMPENSATION" AND SEEMS TO HAVE FINALLY IDENTIFIED UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S PREVIOUSLY UNDATED ALLEGED CRITICISM OF U.S. ECONOMIC RETALIATION AGAINST UNCOMPENSATED EXPROPRIATION (GEORGETOWN 1948) AS BEING IN AN ADDRESS TO A TRADE CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO IN MARCH 1972 WHILE HE WAS PRESIDENT OF MARCONA CORP.

4. BAUXITE MATTERS DURING THIS WEEK WILL OBVIOUSLY BE PRIME HEADLINE MATERIAL SINCE IBA CONFERENCE CURRENTLY MEETING IN GEORGETOWN. PM BURNHAM'S OPENING ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE (SEPTEL) WAS RELATIVELY MODERATE, AND WAS CARRIED UNDER LOCAL HEADLINES OF FAIR DEAL FOR BAUXITE PRODUCERS.

5. THERE IS STILL NO RPT NO SIGN THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR OPINION LEADERS ARE EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE. EMBOFFS PERSONAL AND BUSINESS RELATIONS ARE UNCHANGED. WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF ORAL CRITICISM OF GOG'S HEAVY HANDED CAMPAIGN AND OF THE LOGIC OF ITS POSITION THAT LEVY AND NATIONALIZATION ARE SEPARATE ISSUES FROM VISITING PRIVATE SECTOR DELEGATES TO CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE HERE, LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, AND EVEN ONE THIRD ECHELON GOG OFFICIAL NOTED FOR HIS THIRD WORLD VIEWS, BUT NO LOCAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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